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		U.S. Patent Application entitled "Data Set Information for Recovery of Synchronized Data on Magnetic Tape", Serial No. 10/293,550, filed November 14, 2002 by inventors T. Ataku, P. Greco, H. Itagaki; G. Jaquette; H. Nagura; and T. Shiratori			
		U.S. Patent Application entitled "Method, System, Program, and Storage Cartridge for Storing Data in a Storage Medium", Serial No. 09/923,599, filed August 6, 2001 by inventors B.Goodman, G. Jaquette; L Jesionowski; and J. McDowell			
		Preliminary Amendment for U.S. Serial No. 09/923,599 entitled "Method, System, Program, and Storage Cartridge for Storing Data in a Storage Medium", filed August 6, 2001 by inventors B.Goodman, G. Jaquette; L Jesionowski; and J. McDowell			

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